

*The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.*

Die Jovis, 17 Januarii, 1733.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave, in the humblest Manner, to return Your Majesty our grateful and sincere Thanks for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

Your Majesty has given too many Proofs of Your good Offices and Endeavours to preserve the public Peace and Tranquillity, for us not to be thoroughly persuaded, that Your Majesty cannot, regardless and unconcerned, behold a War now unhappily begun in *Europe*, undertaken by so powerful an Alliance, and prosecuted with so much Vigour.

And as no Occasion can require more Caution, more Wisdom, and more Circumspection, than the present, to dictate what Part is the most proper for *Great Britain* to act, so we have the fullest Satisfaction in reflecting, in whose Breast it lies to make that Determination for us.

And as Your Majesty has avoided coming to any final Determination, till all Engagements, by which You are bound to the several Powers concerned, are duly examined, till all Facts are fully and fairly stated, and till the Result of the Councils of other Powers, in the same Situation with Your Majesty, are known; so we cannot but look on this prudent Suspence of Your Resolutions as an Earnest of our Safety in Your Majesty's Councils, not doubting but the same Wisdom, which prompted Your Majesty to delay Your Determination, will also direct Your Choice, whenever You shall come to make it.

The whole Series of Your Majesty's Transactions, during Your most glorious and happy Reign, has convinced us, that there is no Task to which You are unequal, nor any Difficulties you cannot surmount: We therefore beg leave to assure Your Majesty not only of our Gratitude for Your past, but our Reliance on Your future Care; and intreat Your Majesty to believe, that it is as impossible for us, who are benefited by the Merit of that Conduct, not to do every thing in our Power to deserve it, as it is even for those who wish it less, not to allow it.

Whatever Expectations therefore, those who are envious of the Prosperity, jealous of the Honour, or Rivals to the Interest of the *British* Nation, may conceive from the Result of our Deliberations in Parliament; yet when all *Europe* shall see, that every new Opportunity we have of declaring our Sentiments, is a new Proof of the Harmony subsisting
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between Your Majesty and Your Subjects, and of the Confidence they place in You, we doubt not, but that all Hopes of Advantage to be taken from what shall pass amongst us, will be immediately dispelled, and that the Zeal, Vigour, and Unanimity, that shall appear amongst us, will not only double the Assiduity of those who court Your Majesty's Friendship, but the Apprehensions of those (if any such there are) who may provoke your Resentment.

And because the surest Way, in these general Troubles and Commotions, to prevent any Design being formed to molest or annoy Your Majesty's Dominions, is to shew how unsuccessful such a Design must prove; nothing shall be wanting on our Part, that may conduce to the strengthening Your Majesty's Hands, and putting the Nation, at this critical and important Juncture, in such a Posture of Defence, as shall effectually protect its Honour from any Insult, its Safety from any Danger, and its Tranquillity from any Attempt to disturb it.

We beg Leave also to assure Your Majesty, that the strict and due Regard we always pay to Your Royal Recommendation, as well as a proper Concern for the Support of our own Characters and Dignity, will certainly make us avoid, with the utmost Caution, all Heats and Animosities in our Debates, that we may shew, with a becoming Unanimity, our Duty to Your Majesty, our Care of the publick Welfare, and our Regard to the Interests and Liberties of the People: We will also prevent, as far as in us lies, any improper Delays retarding the Dispatch of publick Business, or protracting the Session into any unnecessary Length, that Your Majesty may not have the just Pleasure you propose to Your Self in taking again the Sense of the Nation in a new Representative postponed; but that You may receive the earliest Demonstrations of the good Will of Your People, and have the Satisfaction to see they are as capable of gratefully feeling that Happiness they enjoy under Your Majesty's just and wise Government, as you are ready and willing to confer it.

His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Thank You for this dutiful and loyal Address. The Satisfaction you express in My constant Attention and Endeavours for preserving the publick Peace and Tranquillity, and promoting the Interests of My People, is extremely acceptable to Me; and as the Honour and Dignity of my Crown, and the Good of My Kingdoms, are My sole View, you may be assured of the Continuance of My Care and Vigilance for those desirable Ends, and of My firm Resolution, in all Events, to take such Measures, as may best answer the Confidence you repose in Me, and secure the Safety and Happiness of the Nation.

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